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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Honorable Judge Kollar-Kotelly,

I am a student at Boston College, and I am upset about the recent settlement between the Justice Department and Microsoft (PFJ).

First, the PFJ does not stop Microsoft from operating as a monopoly. It does not force Microsoft to substantively alter its structure and marketing plans. The inability of the settlement to force Microsoft to change its business structure makes the settlement pointless. Second, the settlement does not punish Microsoft for clearly violating anti-trust laws in the past. It would set a terrible standard if Microsoft was allowed to get away with its monopolistic and abusive tactics. Finally, the PFJ does not provide an effective enforcement mechanism for the weak restrictions it does implement.

All in all, the settlement between Microsoft and the Justice Department is weak and does not fix the basic problems the suit was brought to correct. I urge you to do everything in your power to overturn the settlement.

Sincerely,
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